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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9723

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

USLO PEKING

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP (THURMOND AND SCOTT)

SUBJECT: CODEL THURMOND AND SCOTT MEETING WITH MARCOS

1. SENATORS THURMOND AND SCOTT VISITED MANILA BRIEFLY JANUARY 9, AND MET FOR OVER ONE HOUR WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS. MARCOS WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ENRILE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MELCHOR, AND NEDA DIRECTOR SICAT.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM SENATOR THURMOND, MARCOS OPENED MEETING BY LONG EXPLANATION OF REASONS WHICH INDUCED HIM TO PROCLAIM MARTIAL LAW. HE THEN RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY TO QUESTION WHETHER PHILIPPINES DESIRED CONTINUED U.S. PRESENCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

3. IN LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON MERITS OF HELPING FRIENDS RATHER THAN REWARDING ENEMINES, SENATOR SCOTT SPOKE OF VIRTUES OF TAIPEI. MARCOS SAID PHILIPPINES HOPED MAINTAIN SOME RELATIONS WITH TAIPEI AFTER IT "NORMALIZES" RELATIONS WITH PEKING.

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4. FOLLOWING THIS EXCHANGE, SENATOR SCOTT INFORMED MARCOS

THAT HE AND SENATOR THURMOND EXPECTED TO CALL ON
PRESIDENT FORD AND URGE HIM TO RESIST PRESSURES FOR ANY
CHANGE IN OUR CURRENT RELATIONS WITH PEKING AND TAIPEI.
HE PARTICULARLY OBJECTED TO ANY RECOGNITION OF PEKING
WHILE "CHINESE ARMS ARE BEING USED AGAINST SOUTH VIET-NAM."

5. FOLLOWING MARCOS MEETING, SENATORS DEPARTED FOR CLARK
FIELD, WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED, FED, AND PLACED ON
PLANE FOR HAWAII. MY WIFE AND I ACCOMPANIED THEM AND
THEIR WIVES THROUGHOUT THE VISITS. THEY SEEMED REASONABLY
CONTENT WITH SITUATION IN PHILIPPINES AND INFORMATION
PROVIDED THEM.
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